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*Die Grundlagen der Schleiermacher'schen Theologie: eine kritische Untersuchung.* Von Ernst Heinemann. (Berlin: Hermann Walther, 1900; pp. 48; M. 1.20.) The author of this little work attempts not so much a discussion of the religious and metaphysical presuppositions of Schleiermacher's *Glaubenslehre* as a negative criticism of his principal theological conceptions, especially of God, religion, Christ, and sin. In his view, to represent God as the "whence" of our feeling of absolute dependence, as Schleiermacher does, is to attempt to supply a positive need by a mere question, and it is absurd to try to discover in this "whence" the qualities of holiness, wisdom, etc. The religious experience presupposes the possession of the very conceptions it is made to create. The "two-natures" personality of Christ (though the author avoids giving his own conception of God) is a hopelessly self-contradictory hypothesis which Schleiermacher imported from traditional orthodoxy. The adoption of the orthodox world-view is fatal to his system. The author has given us a clever but not profound criticism of a system as vulnerable as it is wonderfully suggestive.—GEORGE CROSS.

*Zur Lehre von der Gottheit Jesu Christi.* Von K. Konrad Grass, Oberlehrer an der deutschen Hauptschule zu St. Petri in St. Petersburg. (Gütersloh: Bertelsmann, 1900; pp. 208; M. 4.) This book, more restricted in theme than title, investigates under three "views" the significance of Christ's deity in his redemptive sufferings. Meeting with no material in Holy Scripture or the apostolic fathers, it passes to the "Eastern View," that of the Greek and earlier Latin theologians and of Luther. Here it finds Christ's deity explained as a potency into whose deadly domain Satan, by *sancta ars*, was lured through an incarnation, presenting to its deluded victim in its "likeness of sinful flesh" and its absconding "Word" what was called respectively the *δέλεαρ* and *ἀγκιστρον*, the *esca* and *muscipula*, or the "mud" and ambushed ichneumon, foe of Luther's "Wallfish." Under the "Western View," that of the later Latin and generally of the Reformed theologians, it finds, in accordance with the then prevalent "Anselmisch-Thomistische" (commercial) theory of the atonement, Christ's deity regarded as giving "worth" to his sufferings.

According to the "Third View" (the author's), deity enabled Christ so to bear apartness from God, the essence of sin, and its penalty as to reestablish for himself and us the broken association.

This treatise is principally valuable as an annotated compendium

of quotations illustrative of patristic, scholastic, and mystical soteriology.—ROBERT KERR ECCLES.

*Village Sermons in Outline.* By the late Fenton John Anthony Hort, D.D. (New York: The Macmillan Co., 1900; pp. viii + 267; \$1.75.) In this volume the author discusses the Prayer Book, baptism, mutual subjection, the rule of life, the Sermon on the Mount, the advent, the armor of the cross, and the resurrection of Christ together with his various appearances to his disciples before his ascension. Each of these subjects save one is treated in a series of discourses. After the first sermon in each series the author gives at the beginning of each discourse a brief, clear résumé of the truths already set forth, so that the thought of his whole discussion is skilfully kept before the mind of hearer or reader. The method is admirable. It fixes in the memory the truths unfolded step by step in the entire series of sermons. It is the method Chrysostom often pursued, when he expounded in consecutive, popular discourses some book of Scripture. These sermons in outline are not cut up into formal divisions, but the thought in unbroken flow is put in logical order and is expressed in clear, vigorous English; but the full development and illustration of the thought has not been preserved. The special homiletical value of the book is in its fresh, suggestive exposition of Scripture. The sermons on mutual subjection and on the appearances of Christ after his resurrection are rich in truth touching Christian experience and the duties of the Christian life. The book will be of service to both pulpit and pew.—GALUSHA ANDERSON.

*Aspects of Protestantism.* By A. Herbert Gray, M.A., Minister of Grosvenor Square Presbyterian Church, Manchester. (London: Hodder & Stoughton, 1899; pp. viii + 149; 1s. 6d.) The five addresses contained in this little volume were delivered to the author's own congregation, and afterward published by request. Although they are popular in style, they touch upon the great features of Protestantism in a way that makes them interesting to all readers. Those who have not technical training and who have great anxieties about the theological unrest of the present will find in this book much to instruct and to comfort them. The lectures on "Every Man His Own Priest," "Where Do Protestants Get Their Authority?" and "The Protestant Conception of Salvation," are particularly helpful.—J. W. MONCRIEF.